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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate recognize that the State Board of Education's decision to implement the Common Core State Standards was not authorized by the General Assembly; and

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WHEREAS, In 2010, Illinois became one of 45 states to opt into the Common Core State Standards Initiative by accepting federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and through the Race to the Top initiative of the federal government; and

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WHEREAS, Over the next few years, the Common Core State Standards, which are largely untested in the United States, will substantively change the educational standards for students in Illinois, thus affecting every teacher and student in the State; and

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WHEREAS, There are many unknown and significant costs associated with the Common Core State Standards and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers; and

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WHEREAS, The only substantive cost analysis of the implementation of the Common Core State Standards was conducted

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1 by the Pioneer Institute, a non-partisan, privately funded  
2 research organization, which estimates the financial impact  
3 for Illinois to be close to \$773 million over 7 years; and

4 WHEREAS, There are many school districts who lack the  
5 technology, infrastructure, and funding to create an  
6 environment for the online-standards testing required by the  
7 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers  
8 or the new textbooks that will be needed to teach to the Common  
9 Core State Standards; and

10 WHEREAS, The State Board of Education has not secured  
11 funding for schools that will need curricular, technological,  
12 and infrastructure upgrades; and

13 WHEREAS, The most recent data shows that over 60% of school  
14 districts are operating with a deficit, the prospect of a  
15 pension cost-shift, and other expensive unfunded mandates by  
16 the State; and

17 WHEREAS, It is inconceivable to require districts to incur  
18 costs to upgrade schools in their respective districts because  
19 the State Board of Education unilaterally made the decision to  
20 move to the Common Core State Standards, without counsel from  
21 school districts, without a strong statewide informational  
22 campaign about the Common Core State Standards, and without

1 performing a cost analysis for school districts and the State;  
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3 WHEREAS, Indiana, Oklahoma, and South Carolina have opted  
4 out of the Common Core State Standards and more than a dozen  
5 states are considering legislation to repeal involvement in  
6 Common Core; 7 Governors have also issued executive orders to  
7 reexamine, change, or delay implementation or use of Common  
8 Core; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the State  
11 Superintendent of Education and the State Board of Education to  
12 opt out of the Common Core State Standards until a  
13 Board-authorized and conducted study shows the costs  
14 associated with the Common Core State Standards and the  
15 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and  
16 Careers; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education and General  
18 Assembly create a viable plan to provide funding to school  
19 districts that need improvements and modernizations to comply  
20 with the new Common Core State Standards and the Partnership  
21 for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers; and be it  
22 further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 delivered to the State Superintendent of Education and the  
3 State Board of Education.